







PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND CHAPTER
OF
Royal Arch Masons
OF CANADA,

From its Formation, on the 20th Jan., A.I., 2387, A.D., 1857,

TO THE
SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION, HELD AT THE
CITY OF LONDON, C.W.,

On the third Wednesday, the 16th day of February, A. D., 1859.



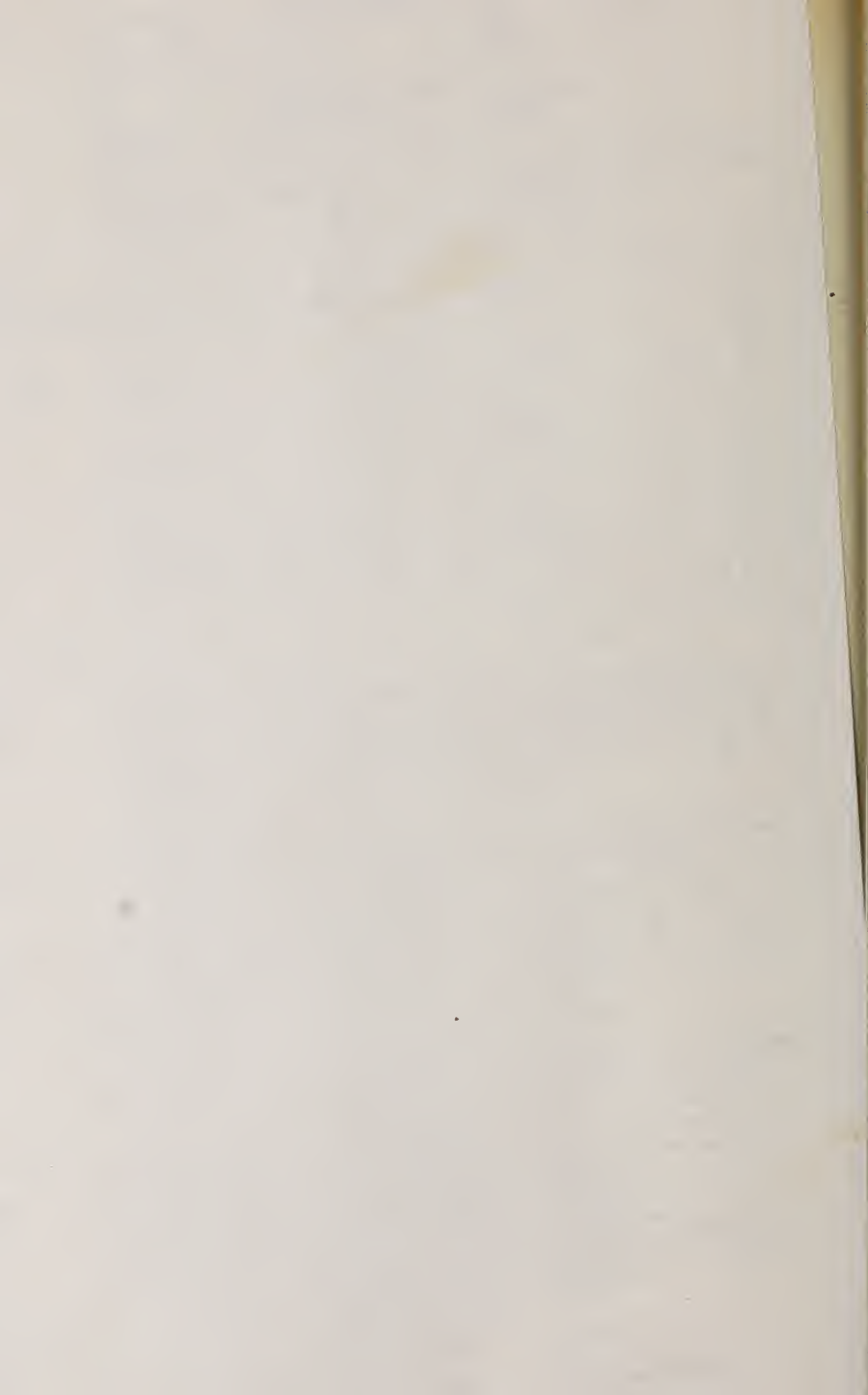
Ordered to be Read in all Chapters and Preserved.

ADDRESS :

THOMAS DOUGLAS HARRINGTON, TORONTO, GRAND Z.
THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON, G. SCRIBE, E.

HAMILTON :

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At the request of several distinguished Companions, I called an Emergent Convocation of the Grand Chapter, to meet immediately after the business of the Grand Lodge at Toronto. The Grand Chapter met accordingly on the 20th ultimo, and entered on the business for which they were summoned, namely, the adoption of a Ritual for the several Chapter degrees, and after considerable discussion, the English system was agreed on for the Royal Arch, and, for the intermediate degrees, that practiced in the United States, with some slight alteration.

A Committee was appointed for this purpose, consisting of Companions Harington, Richardson, Harman and Barron, whose report I expect will be laid before you.

It is of the utmost importance, that but one uniform mode of work be permitted under this jurisdiction, and it is also desirable that it should be defined without delay, for we have three new Chapters recently formed, and three others are about to be formed, so that they ought to be informed how they are to prepare their Chapter Rooms, but this cannot be done, with any degree of certainty, until the Ritual be finally adopted. I would remark, whilst on this subject that I have been over 40 years a Royal Arch Mason, and during that period have seen Masonry in many countries, and in all its phases, and truth compels me to give the preference to the English system of conferring the Royal Arch degree. It is a history of Masonry of itself. Its Lectures are highly moral and instructive, and I am sure that no Brother will ever go away dissatisfied with his wages, who has received this supreme degree in a proper manner, but on the contrary, will be ever ready to return to labour with pleasure and profit, at the sound of the Master's gavel.

A difficulty has been brought to my notice, which exists in isolated Chapters, with respect to the three installed Principals; for, according to the Constitution as now understood, if there be not the actual or past first, second or third Principals present, the Chapter cannot be opened. The clauses, in our Constitution, which seem to govern this rule, will be found in Art. 1, p. 16, in these words: "Every Chapter should consist of three Principals, two Scribes, three Sojourners, a Janitor and others;" and at Art. 6, p. 17, it is provided that "no Companion of any subordinate Chapter shall be eligible for the first Principal's Chair until he has served in the second, nor to the second until he has served in the third, nor to the third until he shall have served the office of Scribe, E. or N., or Principal Sojourner of some subordinate Chapter." The English Constitution is to the same effect, but it makes an exception for Foreign and new Chapters, see Art. 8, p. 15, English Constitution. The Irish Constitution at article

4, page 104, states that "A Chapter of this Order of Masonry shall consist of three Principals, three Sojourners, two Scribes and one High Priest, and it shall not be competent for any Chapter to be opened unless one Actual or Past Principal be present, who shall preside." And by the Constitutions of the Grand Chapters in the United States either the King or Scribe may fill the chair of the High Priest and there seems to be no restriction as to filling the second or third chair. See the installation of King and Scribe in Stewart's Manual for 1851. Here we have the usages of other Grand Chapters for our guide, so that there need be no difficulty in deciding what ought to be ours. It is, however, necessary that this Grand Chapter should express an opinion what shall be the practice of our Subordinate Chapters with regard to filling the second and third chairs by non-installed Principals, and if deemed necessary, the Constitution should be altered so as to leave no doubt on the matter. It is unnecessary for me to remark that none but installed first Principals can preside over a Royal Arch Chapter, according to the English, Irish and Scotch Constitutions.

At the last Convocation of emergency, it was suggested that the Convocations of the Grand Chapter should be held at the same time and place as the meetings of the Grand Lodge—the Grand Chapter meeting in the evenings, and the Grand Lodge during the day. It will be now for you to decide whether this arrangement can be carried into effect.

In conclusion, I beg to state, R. E. Companions, that it is my wish to retire from the active duties of office. You will therefore understand that I am not a candidate for re-election. I think I may fairly claim, after so many years' labor, the privilege of retiring to the ranks of my Companions out of office, and leave the work to younger and more able hands; yet I shall ever be ready to forward the cause of our Order.

I will now leave you to decide upon the various matters set before you; and may the G. A. U. enable us to discharge our duties with fervency and zeal.

THOMPSON WILSON,

Grand Z.

On motion of E. Comp. Francis Richardson, seconded by R.E. Comp. Kivas Tully,—

The following special Committee was appointed to report on the Most Excellent Z.'s Address, viz :—Companions Kivas Tully, J. C. Franck, and J. K. Brown.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Moffatt, seconded by R. E. Comp. James Daniell, and unanimously adopted,—

That the following Companions be a Committee to prepare a Design for the Royal Arch Certificate : also, to draft a form for the new Warrant to be issued to the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada—and to have them properly executed and ready for issuing with the least possible delay, viz : R. E. Companions Kivas Tully, F. Richardson, W. C. Stephens, The M. E. Z., and Grand Scribe, E.

On motion of E. Comp. J. K. Brown, seconded by E. Comp. Wm. Daniell, it was unanimously

RESOLVED,—

That all Chapters now hailing under this Grand Chapter be numbered according to the dates of their antiquity ; and that all Chapters making application after this date, shall take rank according to the date of such application.

E. Comp. J. C. Franck gave the following notice of motion :

That this Grand Chapter shall hereafter hold its Annual Convocation during the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and at such place as the aforesaid Grand Lodge may determine, and at such hours as the Most Excellent Z. may appoint—the next regular Convocation to be held in July, A. D. 1860.

It was moved by E. Companion J. C. Franck, and seconded by R. E. Companion T. B. Harris,—

Whereas it appears to this Grand Chapter that many amendments might be advantageously made to the Constitution ;

BE IT RESOLVED,—

That the following Companions, viz : T. D. Harington, F. Richardson, W. B. Simpson, W. M. Wilson, Js. A. Henderson, S. D. Fowler, and John C. Franck, be a Committee to revise the Constitution and alterations submitted ; to report thereon at the next Convocation of this Grand Chapter, either emergent or regular. The proposed alteration to be furnished to the Grand Scribe, E., at least sixty days previously to such Convocation, and copies of the proposed amendments to be submitted by him to the various subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Scribe, E., submitted from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence the following Report :—

R E P O R T

OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to Report, that the formation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada has been viewed favourably by most of the Sister Grand Chapters, who have been notified of the act.

The first Grand Body whose recognition was officially given is the Grand Chapter of Ireland, and the document in which the intelligence is conveyed is couched in language so friendly and urbane, that it calls for especial remark. The Masons of Ireland have now stronger claims than ever to the respect and esteem of their Canadian Brethren, for their Grand Chapter has nobly achieved the good work towards this Province their Grand Lodge began. The Communication referred to is as follows :—

“ To the Most Excellent Grand Principals,

“ The Grand Officers and Companions of the Supreme Grand

“ Royal Arch Chapter of Canada.

WE, the Grand Principals, the Grand Officers and Companions

“ of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland,

“ SEND GREETING,—

“ At the Quarterly Convention of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, held in Dublin on the 17th day of February, 1858, a memorial was read from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada setting forth, ‘ That the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada had held a Convention at ‘ Hamilton, on the 2nd day of April 1857, and had regularly ‘ installed its Grand Officers. And the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada having been thus duly formed and ‘ being engaged in promoting the genuine principles of the Royal ‘ Craft, and feeling at the same time earnestly desirous of ‘ cultivating a friendly intercourse with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, cordially extend the right hand of fellowship ‘ and confidently claim from the Grand Chapter of Ireland, a ‘ fraternal recognition.

“It was proposed, seconded, and agreed to, ‘That as the
 “ ‘Grand Lodge of Ireland had recognized the Grand Lodge of
 “ ‘Canada working in connexion with the above designed Grand
 “ ‘Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, as an Independent Grand
 “ ‘Lodge, that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada be
 “ ‘informed that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland
 “ ‘acknowledges the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada as an
 “ ‘Independent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and
 “ ‘reciprocates the Masonic feelings expressed in the Commu-
 “ ‘nication ; but that it demands for the Chapters in Canada and
 “ ‘individual companions who prefer to retain their Masonic
 “ ‘connexion with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland the
 “ ‘free exercise of their existing Masonic rights, and requires that
 “ ‘the Royal Arch Warrant of any Chapter whose Blue Warrant
 “ ‘has been or is about to be returned to the Grand Lodge of
 “ ‘Ireland shall be surrendered to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter
 “ ‘of Ireland ;

“And the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland further
 “ ‘demands the continuance of its present privileges of issuing on
 “ ‘proper memorial Royal Arch Warrants to be attached to any
 “ ‘symbolical Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of
 “ ‘Ireland, (in Canada.)’

“Signed by order of, and for the Grand Royal Arch Chapter,

“LUCIUS H. DEERING,
 “ *Grand Scribe.*”

The Grand Chapters of many of the States of the neighbouring confederacy have also forwarded documents to this Grand Chapter, generally in the form of printed proceedings.

From these we gather that the following have officially recognised the Grand Chapter of Canada :—

The Grand Chapters of ALABAMA, CONNECTICUT, DELAWARE, FLORIDA, ILLINOIS, INDIANA, LOUISIANA, MAINE. MISSISSIPPI, MISSOURI, NEW YORK, RHODE ISLAND, TEXAS, VERMONT.

CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Chapter of CALIFORNIA says : “The Companions
 “ of Canada have our most cordial and fraternal sympathies.” and
 assert that “the permanent establishment of such a Grand Chapter
 “ in Canada as the one now in operation, analogous as it is in its
 “ machinery and system to our own, would most materially aid in

"the more complete developement of our Order." Yet, in the absence of what is deemed full information with regard to our movements, the Grand Chapter of California, pauses before tendering to us the fraternal grasp of recognition. We hope next year to be able to report that their scruples have been completely overcome—their doubts dispelled.

We have received copies of proceedings of various Grand Bodies anterior to the formation of this Grand Chapter, and two of these have not as yet notified this Grand Chapter of their action relating to our request for recognition.

These are the Grand Chapters of KENTUCKY and OHIO, both of which we have, however, reason to believe have signified their willingness to extend to us the right hand of fellowship.

The following Grand Chapters in the United States are unheard from in any way : ARKANSAS, IOWA, MARYLAND and DIST. OF COLUMBIA, MASSACHUSETTS, MICHIGAN, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE, VIRGINIA and WISCONSIN.

It is important to show the truly fraternal spirit with which the Grand Bodies who have taken action in the Grand Chapter of Canada, have expressed themselves, we therefore quote their resolutions, as follows :—

ALABAMA.

"The Select Committee, to whom was referred a communication from the Grand Royal arch Chapter of Canada, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report :

"That it is with the highest degree of satisfaction we witness a disposition, on the part of the Grand Chapter of Canada, recently established there, as manifested by the communication referred to us, to interchange friendly greeting with this Grand Chapter ; and your committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions in reference to said communication :

"1. That the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama does most cheerfully recognise and fully embrace her sister, the Grand Chapter of Canada, and heartily approves the disposition manifested to produce uniformity of work in Chapter Masonry.

"2. That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, on behalf of said Chapter, acknowledge the receipt of the communication from the Grand Chapter of Canada, and forward a copy of these resolutions, with fraternal greetings from this Grand Chapter.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"W. P. CHILTON, *Chairman.*"

CONNECTICUT.

"Comp.W. Storer, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following report :

"To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut :

"Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave respectfully to report, that they have had submitted to them a document purporting to have emanated from the *Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada*. (See p. 12.)

"A perusal of this document has afforded to your committee no little pleasure ; and we doubt not that our companions of this Grand Chapter will cordially unite with us in the gratification we have experienced on learning that a Grand Royal Arch Chapter has been regularly organized in the Province of Canada, with a considerable number of subordinate Chapters working under its jurisdiction. Our satisfaction is materially enhanced when we take into consideration the fact that an obstacle has hitherto prevented a free Masonic intercourse between Royal Arch Masons exalted in the Canadian Chapters and those under the jurisdiction of the several Grand Chapters of the United States,—the other Chapter degrees not having been conferred in the Province. This obstacle is now removed, the new Grand Chapter of Canada being organized like our own, recognizing the several degrees that are conferred in the United States, and working in the same manner as our own Chapters. We feel confident that the members of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut will rejoice in according to our sister Grand Chapter of Canada a cordial and fraternal recognition. We therefore offer for adoption the following resolution :

"RESOLVED,—

"That the Grand Chapter of Connecticut has learned with unfeigned satisfaction, that a Grand Royal Arch Chapter has been organized in the Province of Canada, recognizing the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch ; and we do hereby extend to the said Grand Chapter of Canada a cordial and fraternal welcome as a member of the great family of American Grand Chapters, and proffer to her the right hand of Masonic fellowship.

"All of which is respectfully submitted,

"WILLIAM STORER,
"Chairman."

"Which report was accepted, and the resolution unanimously adopted."

FLORIDA.

"The Committee find among the Masonic Communications laid before them by the Grand Secretary, the address of the Grand Principals, Grand Officers and Companions, of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, setting forth the circumstances which caused their independent organization; which we have carefully examined, and present as a part of this report, and recommend a fraternal recognition and cordial greeting; and present resolution." (See p. 12.)

"Resolved by the Grand Chapter of Florida, That this Grand Chapter, having received satisfactory evidence of the organization of an Independent Grand Royal Arch Chapter, at the city of Hamilton, in the Province of Canada, upon the principles of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States, acknowledges her as an Independent Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and grasps the extended right hand of fraternity, with cordial recognition.

"RESOLVED,—That the Grand Secretary cause the proceedings of this Grand Chapter to be forwarded to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and ask reciprocal correspondence and intercourse.

"The Report was read and ordered to be published in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, and the foregoing resolutions were severally put and unanimously adopted."

ILLINOIS.

"Comp. Grand Secretary then presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which was read and adopted, and the resolution concurred in.

"Also, received a document from the Grand Principals, Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, setting forth, that for several causes therein enumerated, similar to those which led to the organization of the Grand Lodge of Canada, a Convention of Delegates from the several Chapters in Canada, convened at Hamilton, January 19, 1857, and adopted a constitution recognising the degrees of Mark, Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch Mason, and fully organised by electing M.E.Comp. WM. MERCER WILSON, Grand 1st Principal, Z.; R. E. Comp. Dr. A. BARNARD, Grand 2nd Principal, H.; R. E. Comp. THOMAS DUGGAN, Grand 3rd Principal, J.; THOS. BIRD HARRIS, Grand Scribe, (answering to our Grand Secretary) and the other officers suitable to the other stations in a Grand Chapter, who were all duly installed into their respective stations by M. E. Comp. CZAR JONES, P.G.H.P. of Michigan. The said Grand Chapter fraternally requests this Grand Chapter to recognise them, which we hope will be done with a right good will.

“Your Committee would fraternally suggest to our esteemed Companions in Canada, whether it would not be as well, or better, for them to conform the names of their Officers to those in the United States. It would be pleasant to the Grand Chapters through the Union if this could consistently be done.”

“RESOLVED,—

“That this Grand Chapter welcomes the Grand Chapters of Canada and New Jersey into the Royal Arch Constellation, and most cordially extends to each of them the right hand of fellowship.”

INDIANA.

“The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was specially referred the Communication from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and regard the reasons assigned by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, for their separation from the Grand Chapter of England, and the organization of an independent body, as not only eminently conclusive and satisfactory, but in the highest degree flattering to the Royal Arch Chapters of this country. Their proceedings throughout are marked by the utmost regularity, and in the opinion of your committee, no hesitation should be felt in their full and complete recognition. They recommend for adoption the following resolutions :

“RESOLVED,—

“That we extend to the Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, a full recognition and cordial fraternal greeting.

“RESOLVED,—

“That the usual correspondence and intercourse be opened with the same.

“RESOLVED,—

“That the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate a copy of these proceedings to the Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, duly authenticated by the seal of this Grand Chapter.

“Which report was concurred in, and the accompanying resolutions adopted.”

LOUISIANA.

“Since our last Annual Convocation, a Grand Chapter has been formed in the Province of Canada. We hail this accession

to the number of Grand Chapters with delight. A communication was received from Comp. Thos. B. Harris, styling himself Grand Scribe, E., dated Hamilton, C. W., August 31st, 1857, accompanying an address, with a request to lay it before you, confidently expressing the assurance that it would secure to them a personal recognition, and open up a channel of correspondence and instruction that would continue to the end of time.

"This we have thought to publish entire. The document speaks for itself, [see p. 12.] and the reasons for the formation of this Grand Chapter, and the sentiments therein expressed, meet our decided approval. We cordially extend the right hand of fellowship, and wish our Companions of Canada God speed in their noble undertakings."

MAINE.

"The Grand Chapter of Maine will gladly hail the formation of a Grand R. A. Chapter in Canada, and the committee would spread upon our minutes in full the first fraternal salutations of that body, which here follow. [See p. 12.]

"Believing there can be but one opinion as to the recognition of this body, and that all the members of the Grand Chapters of Maine will rejoice to adopt them, your committee present resolutions at the close of this report."

"The Resolutions recognising the Grand Chapter of Canada were considered and adopted, as follows:—

"1. RESOLVED,—That with lively emotions of pleasure the Companions of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Maine welcome the first salutations from the Most Excellent and Excellent Companions in Canada, announcing the formation of a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in that noble Province.

"2. RESOLVED,—That we cordially welcome them as such to our fellowship, and commend this new ARCH to the fraternity of Grand R. A. Chapters on this Continent, and to the fraternal correspondence which unites them in brotherhood and affection.

"3. RESOLVED,—That our Grand Secretary, in forwarding these Resolutions to the Grand Chapter of Canada, be instructed to forward a file of our past reports so far as practicable, as our contribution to her Masonic library."

MISSISSIPPI.

"Comp. Johnson, from the Committee on Canadian Grand Chapter, submitted the following report, which was *unanimously* adopted:—

"RESOLVED,—That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mississippi fully respond to the offer of Masonic regard and

fellowship, on the part of the Principals, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, as contained in their recent communication addressed to this Body ; that we hereby assure our Companions of Canada of our high appreciation of their Masonic zeal, and our anxious desire to cultivate with them feelings of fraternal regard—feelings which are not to be destroyed by distance, nor weakened by diversity of political or social intercourse, but which unite the Craft in love and friendship wherever dispersed around the globe.

“RESOLVED,—That the Grand Secretary communicate this Resolution with the Seal of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.”

MISSOURI.

“Your Committee submit the following account of the organization of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter in the Province of Canada, and earnestly hope that this Grand Chapter will extend the hand of fellowship, and welcome this new sister as an equal among the Grand Chapters of the United States. [See p. 12.]

“With the evidence furnished by the foregoing before us of the legality of the formation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, we submit the following :

“Whereas the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Missouri, having heard that a Grand Royal Arch Chapter was legally constituted in the Province of Canada, for the government of Royal Arch Masonry in that jurisdiction, and that such Grand Chapter recognises the degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent, as preparatory to the R. A. degree—

“RESOLVED,—That we cordially welcome the Grand Chapter of Canada as an equal among the several Grand Chapters of the United States, and we tender to them the right hand of fellowship.”

NEW YORK.

“The Select Committee, to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Chapter of Canada, reported for the consideration of the Grand Chapter the following resolutions :—

“RESOLVED,—That this Grand Chapter fully recognises the independence of the Grand R.A. Chapter of Canada, and cordially welcomes her into the Masonic family of independent sovereignties, and, as such, extends to her the right hand of fellowship.

“RESOLVED,—That the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada a copy of the above resolution, and with it a letter of congratulation and fellowship.

“The Report was accepted, and the Resolutions adopted.”

NORTH CAROLINA.

"The Committee on Communication from Canada presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

"Your Committee, to whose consideration was referred the circular from what purports to be the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, have had but little time to devote to the subject, and therefore feel some doubt as to the propriety of the course which they purpose recommending for the adoption of this Grand Chapter. Had our opportunities of enquiry have enabled us to fully satisfy ourselves that our premises are entirely correct, we should then have presented our conclusions with more confidence.

"We cannot resist the conclusion that the present G. R. Arch organisation is a result of the state of anarchy that has for some time prevailed in that jurisdiction, and as we should be the first to resist any interference in our own, we should be the last to interfere or encourage insubordination, or resistance to lawful authority in a foreign jurisdiction. When the present Grand Royal Arch organisation in Canada shall have reconciled her dispute with the supreme authorities that have heretofore governed the Royal Craft in that jurisdiction, none can extend the hand of fellowship more cheerfully or more cordially than we. Until then, we feel constrained to decline any proffers of recognition, and to deprecate interference on the part of our sister Grand Chapters.

"A. MARTIN, *Chairman.*"

RHODE ISLAND.

"The Address of the Grand Principals, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, was presented, conveying the pleasing intelligence of the formation of a new Grand Chapter for said Province and cordially extending the right hand of fellowship to this Grand Chapter, and confidently claiming the same fraternal recognition in return—whereupon,

"RESOLVED, That the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island having learned that a Grand Royal Arch Chapter has been organised in the Province of Canada, recognising the several degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch; we do hereby extend to said Grand Chapter a cordial welcome as a member of the family of Grand Chapters, hoping that our future correspondence may be mutually instructing and agreeable."

TEXAS.

"Your Committee have received a *manuscript* from the Province of Canada, showing the organisation of an independent Grand Chapter for that Province. A number of Royal Arch

Masons met in the City of Hamilton, on the 19th day of January, A.D. 1857, and there being the requisite number of Chapters duly represented, they proceeded to organise a Convention and framed a constitution in strict conformity with the usages of Royal Arch Masonry. The Constitution by them adopted requires all the subordinate Chapters in their jurisdiction to confer the Mark Master's, Past Master's and Most Excellent Master's degrees upon all candidates previous to their being exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Masons, or admitted to Membership.

"The Convention elected Grand Officers, and then adjourned until the 2nd day of April, 1857, when they again met, according to adjournment, in said city of Hamilton, and the Grand Officers were properly installed by Companion Jones, Past Grand High Priest of Michigan. Companion Wm. M. Wilson was installed Grand High Priest, and Companion Thomas B. Harris, Grand Secretary. So far as I am capable of judging, or it is in my power to ascertain, the entire proceedings of said Convention were correct and regular, and in strict conformity with the usages of the Royal Craft, and entitled to full faith and credit, both here and elsewhere. We therefore cheerfully extend to her the right hand of fellowship, and bid her God speed in her career of usefulness.

"For the purpose of opening a full and free communication with the Grand Chapter of Canada, we submit resolution No. 3, and recommend its adoption.

"No. 3. RESOLVED,—That the Grand Chapter of Texas hails with delight the organisation of an independent Grand Chapter in Canada, and hereby instructs her Grand Secretary to enroll said Grand Chapter amongst the list of Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Body, and forward to her the usual number of our printed proceedings."

VERMONT.

"Your Committee fully adopt the views of the G. H. P. touching the subject of R. A. Masonry in Canada, and recommend that the officers of this Grand Chapter give the Grand Chapter of Canada such recognition and welcome to our fellowship as becomes a true Masonic brotherhood.

"And we recommend the adoption of the following Resolution :—

"RESOLVED,—That this Grand Chapter recognise the Grand Chapter of Canada as being legally constituted, and direct the Officers of this Grand Chapter to correspond with and acknowledge them as such; also, that the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed, to forward copies of this resolution to the Grand High Priest of Canada."

Your Committee feel that they cannot better occupy the attention of Grand Chapter than by reading the qualifications and requirements a M. M. should possess before he is advanced to the Chapter degrees, from the pen of Companion Albert Pike, and taken from the report of Foreign Correspondence to the Grand Chapter of California :—

“ It is not, they say, every M. Mason that is fitted to become a R. A. M., and to have intrusted to his keeping, those profound mysteries in regard to the Deity, the universe, and the soul of man, which are enveloped by the symbolism of the Royal Arch Degrees. * * * His *qualifications* must be the test of admission.

“ He should have connected himself with, and be as much as possible, a regular attendant of some Lodge, to encourage other Masons to exertion, and to bear his share of the common burden. He should have proven, by frequent intercourse with his Brethren, that ‘ he is not captious, easy to take offense, suspicious, illiberal, intolerant, given to much talking, pragmatism or overbearing, nor yet to yielding or facile to do unflinchingly what is right : ’ for they say, ‘ if he be any of these, he is not worthy to become a R.A. Mason.’ He should, also, have proven that he is not penurious in contributing to the necessities of his Brethren, or the advancement of the purposes of the Order ; and, also, that he is possessed of such a vigor and cultivation of intellect, as to understand and appreciate the sublime truths taught by R. A. Masonry.

“ In alluding to the law of their jurisdiction, requiring candidates for the Chapter degrees, to be M. Masons of twelve months standing, previous to receiving the Degrees, they differ in opinion with the G. H. P., who entertained the view that proficiency, and not time, should be the sole pre-requisite ; and they urge, that, though in some instances, proficiency does not arrive with time, yet that, by requiring candidates to wait a certain length of time, the opportunity of improvement is afforded to them which, if they do not profit by, they are unworthy to advance. Besides, the lapse of time admits of observation, as to whether the candidate possesses the other requirements of life, conduct, and conversation, so indispensably necessary, and which no examination in open Chapter, no matter how scrutinously conducted could disclose. In concluding the subject they say :

“ Make the conferring of these Degrees a mere matter of course, give them without previous preparation or delay, as if they required no preparatory Masonic culture and intellectual exercise in the science of Symbolism, and let every body have them for the asking, and you may make them so cheap that the veriest beggar would scarcely stoop to pick them from the gutter. Let

us, on the contrary, assert and maintain their almost priceless value, the magnitude and glory of the truths they embody, and the high degree of mental and moral tone which they require as a pre-requisite; and to be a Royal Arch Mason may some day hereafter, be what it was thirty years ago, when it was an honor and rank to which none but the mature in age, and the eminent in character and intellect attained; and the jewels of the Chapter were not flung heedlessly and lavishly to any who would condescend to accept them, and pay the legal fee."

"What an admirable summary of the requisites which should combine together to form a perfect candidate for the more exalted mysteries of this branch of our Order! How little could be spared from the detail! How great the advantages to be derived by an adherence to such requirements; and yet it will be asked, 'are these tests, or such as these, usually, or even ever applied to the neophyte at our outer portals?' The response would, alas, be too frequently in the negative. We are too eager to receive laborers into the vineyard—to fill the quarries with unskilful and inefficient workmen—to induct into the mysteries of the Chair, those upon whom the mantle of such as preceded them therein, would sit as the robes of a giant upon the pigmy form of a dwarf. To receive and acknowledge such as Excellent Masters, where there is no excellence, save that, perhaps, of the gratification of a morbid curiosity, or a more selfish ambition, and finally to confer upon, as a chosen few, all the light which symbolic Masonry can grant, even to her most devoted and well-deserving votaries."

Before concluding, your Committee would remark that their attention has been directed to a sentence in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois, to the following effect:—

"Your Committee would fraternally suggest to our esteemed Companions in Canada, whether it would not be as well, or better, for them to conform the names of their officers to those in the United States. It would be pleasant to the Grand Chapters through the Union if this could be consistently done."

There is little doubt but that the more closely and uniformly the working of the Royal Craft can be assimilated the better for the Order; but believing, as we do, that our Companions in the United States took upon themselves at some period to change the names of the three chief or presiding officers, and to reverse their original position, have themselves departed from the true work as introduced and given to them by their forefathers. This fact can be easily ascertained by reference to many old documents still

extant. We need not go further back than 1798, the year in which the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania was organised; for, by the Constitution unanimously adopted for her government, the presiding officers were designated Z. H. J., as may be seen from the following:

"Rules and Regulations for the government of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, held under the protection of, and supported by, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, unanimously agreed to and established at a Grand Chapter held in Philadelphia, February 24th, 1798, and confirmed in Grand Lodge March 5th, 1798."

It commences by setting forth "that Ancient Masonry consists of four degrees—the three first of which are that of E.A., the F.C., and the sublime degree of Master, and the fourth, the Holy Royal Arch." Your Committee have no desire to trespass so much on the patience of Grand Chapter as to wade them through the whole of the Laws and Regulations then agreed upon, but will at once pass on to Art. 7, which says,—

"That on the admission of a new brother the form of the return to the general Grand Chapter shall be as follows:

"We the three Chiefs whose names are hereunto subscribed do certify that in a Chapter of the H. R. A. convened and held under the sanction and authority of the warrant of the Worshipful Lodge No.—, our beloved brothers, A B., C D., E F., and G H., having delivered to us the proper certificates, and proved themselves, by due examination, to be well qualified in all the three degrees of Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, and to have passed the chair, were by us admitted to the supreme degree of Excellent Royal Arch Masons.

"Given under our hands and the seal of our Chapter this— day of— in the year of Masonry 57—, and in the year of our Lord —,"

[L. S.]

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Z.
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J. } Chiefs.

Scribe.

Your Committee do not see how they can consistently recommend a change in our present system, and they would strongly urge upon our Companions in Illinois to examine this question, and if they find we are correct in the work we have adopted, they will be induced to restore the Royal Craft to its ancient purity.

We hope, however, under all circumstances our Companions will give us credit for adhering to the first pure system of Royal Arch Masonry, as first introduced both to the United States and Canada, it is also the same as acknowledged by England, Scotland and Ireland, our mother Grand Chapters, from whence it was first brought over to America.

THOS. B. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

It was moved by E. Companion J. K. Brown, seconded by E. Comp. Thomas Francis, and adopted,—

That the Report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and printed with the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 6.30 P.M.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sitting at 7 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Principals on the Throne.

Officers, Members and Representatives.

The Special Committee appointed on the Address of the Most Excellent Z. submitted the following

REPORT:

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Right Excellent H. and J. and Excellent Companions, in Grand Convocation assembled.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Address of the M.E. Grand Z., are happy to learn the great increase of the number of Chapters and the prosperous condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Canada.

The Committee freely concur in the decision given on the application to revive a dormant Chapter in Brockville.

The recognition of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland affords another proof of the cordial feeling entertained on all occasions by the Companions under that jurisdiction, and the Committee highly approve of the appointment of R. E. Comp. Furnell, as our Representative at the Grand Chapter of Ireland,

and the intimation that R. E. Comp. Tully, would be acceptable as their Representative at this Grand Chapter.

The Committee hope that from the reasons stated in the address—the Grand Chapters of England and Scotland will soon extend the same cordial recognition to this Grand Chapter, which has been received from the Grand Chapter of Ireland.

The recognition and friendly communication received from several Grand Chapters of the United States is a source of great satisfaction to this Grand Chapter, and your Committee suggest, that due acknowledgement be forwarded by the Grand Scribe, E., with copies of our proceedings to the aforesaid Grand Chapters.

The recommendation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois in reference to uniformity of work is worthy of the serious consideration of this Grand Chapter, but in the opinion of your Committee no argument has been advanced sufficient to induce a change in the designation of Officers.

The importance of uniformity of work in this jurisdiction must be apparent to every Companion, and it is highly desirable that the ritual should be defined without delay.

Respecting the difficulty which has arisen in relation to a Companion who has not been installed as a 2nd or 3rd Principal, acting as such in a private Chapter, during the absence of the regularly installed Principals, your Committee cannot recommend any alteration in the Constitution as now understood.

Your Committee express much regret that it is the wish of the Grand Principal, Z., to retire from the active duties of office, feeling that the government of Royal Arch Masonry could not have been entrusted in more zealous hands; and your Committee cannot close this Report without stating, that in their opinion the thanks of this Grand Chapter are justly due to the M.E. Grand Z. for the untiring zeal displayed and eminent services rendered to Royal Arch Masonry during his term of office.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. C. FRANCK.

On motion of E. Comp. Francis, seconded by E. Companion Heathfield, the Report from the Special Committee on Address was received and adopted.

R. E. Companion Thomas D. Harington, on behalf of the Committee appointed by the Grand Chapter, for the purpose of agreeing on an uniform ritual, proceeded with the exemplification of the Mark Degree.

It was moved by E. Comp. Daniell, seconded by E. Comp. Francis, and unanimously adopted,—

That the ritual for the Mark Degree, as just now exemplified, be the authorised work as acknowledged by this Grand Chapter.

It was moved by E. Companion F. Richardson, seconded by R. E. Comp. James Moffatt, and adopted,—

That the further consideration of the ritual for the Past and Most Excellent Masters' degrees be postponed till to-morrow morning, and to be considered the first business in order.

The Most Excellent Z. appointed E. Comps. S. B. Harman, James Daniell and William Daniell, as scrutineers for examining the ballots for the election of Grand Officers.

The election of Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic term was proceeded with.

The following Companions were declared duly elected :—

M.E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Z.

R. E. “ Samuel D. Fowler, “ H.

“ “ James Moffat, “ J.

“ “ Thos. Bird Harris, “ Scribe, E.

“ “ Samuel B. Harman, “ “ N.

“ “ Alfred A. Campbell, “ P. Sojourner.

“ “ Wm. Bellhouse, “ Treasurer.

By an open vote of the Grand Chapter,

Comp. Thomas McMullin, “ Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

By the Chapters of their respective Districts, which the M. E. Z. was pleased to confirm :

R.E. Comp. James Daniell, Grand Supt. London District.

“ “ John R. Holden, “ “ Hamilton “

“ “ F. Richardson, “ “ Toronto “

“ “ John C. Franck, “ “ Central “

“ “ Elisha Gustin, “ “ Eastern Townships “

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 8.30 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, 17th February, 1859.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sitting at 8.30 o'clock, A.M.

The Grand Principals on the Throne.

Officers, Members and Representatives.

The Officers elect present were regularly installed, and proclaimed in due form.

It was moved by E. Comp. Franck, seconded by E. Comp. S. B. Harman, and unanimously adopted,—

That the thanks of the visiting Companions attending this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to the Companions of the Chapters in this City, for the hospitable manner in which they were received and entertained during the present session.

On motion, it was unanimously

RESOLVED,—

That the next regular Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the City of London, subject, nevertheless, to the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada selecting the same place for its Annual Communication in A.D. 1860.

It was, on motion,

RESOLVED,—

That the sum of Two Dollars be paid to the Grand Janitor.

It was moved by R. E. Companion Kivas Tully, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, and unanimously adopted,

That the rank of a Past Grand Superintendent in this Grand Chapter be accorded to R. E. Comp. Michael Furnell, the Representative of this Grand Chapter at the Grand Chapter of Ireland.

On motion of R.E. Comp. Kivas Tully, seconded by E. Comp. Samuel B. Harman,

IT WAS RESOLVED,—

That the sum of two hundred dollars be granted to R.E.Comp. the Grand Scribe, E., when sufficient funds are in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, as a remuneration of his services since the Grand Chapter has been established to the present time.

M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington proceeded with the exemplification of the work of the Past Master and Most Excellent Master Masons' degrees.

On motion of E. Comp. J.C. Franck, seconded by R.E.Comp. James Moffatt, they were unanimously adopted.

On motion, the thanks of the Grand Chapter are hereby offered to M. E. Companion Harington, and the other Members of the Committee on *Work*, for their successful efforts in the establishment of an uniform *Ritual* for the working of the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master Masons' degrees, to be recognised by this Grand Chapter.

The following Statement, submitted by the Grand Scribe, E.,
was received and adopted.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE, E.

HAMILTON, February 16th, 1859.

THOMAS B. HARRIS, *in Account with* THE GRAND CHAPTER.

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| 1858. | <i>Dr.</i> | \$ c. |
| April 22. | To Cash from Golden Rule Chapter, for Dispensation, | 40 00 |
| Novem. 8. | “ from Kilwinning Chapter, on account, | 30 00 |
| “ 13. | “ “ “ “ | 10 00 |
| 1859. | | |
| Febru'y 9. | “ “ Golden Rule Chapter, for dues | 21 00 |
| | | \$ 101 00 |

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| 1858. | <i>Cr.</i> | \$ | c. |
| Feb'y. 17. | By balance due G. S., E. | 6 | 73 |
| " | postage and sundries | 13 | 50 |
| " | account for printing | 58 | 25 |
| " | paid Janitor | 2 | 00 |
| " | expenses, G.S., E. | 3 | 00 |
| " | balance in the hands of G. S., E. | 17 | 52 |
| | | \$ | 101 00 |
| | To balance on hand | \$ | 17 52 |

E. Comp. J. C. Franck gave notice that he would move, at the next regular Convocation—

That the portraits of all the First Grand Principals of this Grand Chapter be obtained, on their retiring from office.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, seconded by M. E. Companion Harington, and unanimously

RESOLVED,—

That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be offered to the M.E. Grand Chapter of the State of Maine, for their kind consideration in forwarding copies of their proceedings for many years' past, with the assurance that this early mark of courtesy will be fully appreciated.

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The M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to make the following appointments to offices for the ensuing Masonic term :—

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| V.E. Comp. | William G. Storm, | Grand 1st Assistant Sojourner. |
| " " " | Alexander M. Munro, | " 2nd " " |
| " " " | Henry Rowsell, | " Sword Bearer. |
| " " " | John F. McCuaig, | " Director of Ceremonies. |
| " " " | M. Francis Shaler, | " Standard Bearer. |
| " " " | Edwin Heathfield, | " Organist. |
| " " " | Jeremiah Taylor, | " Pursuivant. |
| " " " | John K. Brown, | } Stewards. |
| " " " | George F. LaSerre, | |
| " " " | John Keary, | |
| " " " | Frederick W. Alport, | |
| " " " | C. Pollock, | " } |

The labors of the Grand Chapter being finished, it was closed in *ample* form, with solemn prayer.

[ATTEST.]



THOS. B. HARRIS,

G. Scribe, F.

RETURNS

OF

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS,

RENDERED 31ST JANUARY, A.D., 1859.

ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER—KINGSTON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1797.

Stated Meeting—Third Tuesday in every month.

OFFICERS.

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| E. Comp. | John Kerr, | Z. |
| " " | George F. La Serre, | H. |
| " " | James Hill Rowan, | J. |
| R. " " | S. D. Fowler, Scribe, | E. |

MEMBERS.

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| James Alexander Henderson, | William Ferguson, |
| Maxwell William Strange, | Thomas Aishton, |
| John Patterson, | James Wilson, |
| Isaac Hope, | George Matheson Kinghorn, |
| Richard Scobell, | Hugh Fraser, |
| James Fitzgibbon, | John Flanagan, |
| James George Fortier, | David Fraser, |
| Ellery Wanzer Palmer, | William Fletcher Paterson, |
| Wm. Jas. Bury McLeod Moore, | John Boyes, |
| William Keely, | Hiram Orlands Hitchcock, |
| John Robb, | William Benjamin Simpson, |
| Richard Bunt, | Cornelius Stenson, |
| James Salmon, | Edward Henry Parker, |
| John Alexander Macdonald, | Joel P. Millener, |
| Archibald John Macdonell, | Francis Milo, |
| Thomas Jenkin Angel, | Thomas Douglas Harington. |

THE HIRAM CHAPTER—HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1820.

Stated Meeting—First Monday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

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| R. E. Comp. | William Bellhouse, | Z. |
| " " | Jeremiah Taylor, | H. |
| " " | Saml. G. Patton, | J. |
| " " | William Irwin, Scribe, | E. |

MEMBERS.

Robert Jarvis Hamilton,
 Thomas Duggan,
 John Morrison,
 John Rose Holden,
 William F. Murray,
 N. Ford,
 Joseph B. Mathews,
 Charles Kelly,
 Charles Magill,
 Charles A. Sadleir,
 John Osborne,
 Henry John Garrett,
 Henry Langdon,
 Edmund Kelly,
 John Harris,
 John W. Kerr,
 R. A. Woodcock,
 John W. Baine,
 Dwight Benedict,
 Edwin Henwood,
 John Austin,
 Henry Grist,
 Malcom Cameron,
 James Smith,
 John F. McCuaig,
 William M. Wilson,

James D. Law,
 James Riddel,
 James M. Rogerson,
 Isaac C. Chilman,
 John McKewen,
 John B. Ellison,
 John Patterson,
 George W. Whithead,
 Henry Hack,
 William T. Thomas,
 James Miller,
 Richard W. Thorn,
 William Allan Harley,
 George Wright,
 William W. Summers,
 Harcourt B. Bull,
 Hugh M. Melville,
 Norman Booth,
 John King,
 Henry Crouse,
 Charles R. Winter,
 Sigismond Drey,
 Joseph Faulknor,
 Thomas Rolston,
 John McIntyre.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER—LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—1844.

Stated Meeting—[No Return.]

OFFICERS.

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| V. E. Comp. | Thomas Francis, | Z. |
| " " " | John Keary, | J. |
| " | A. S. Abbott, Scribe, | E. |

MEMBERS.

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| William Wall Gray, | Thomas D. Warren, |
| Robert Abernathay, | Robert McCullogh, |
| Henry Groves, | Thomas B. Robb, |
| Alexander Gordon, | Thomas Allan, |
| Duncan McKenzie, | William Daniell, |
| Thompson Wilson, | John J. McKenzie, |
| James Daniell, | Duncan McGaskin, |
| Thomas Scatcherd, | James Moffatt, |
| George W. Harper, | Edward Garratt, |
| Joseph F. Rolfe, | John Brown, |
| James M. Bennett, | Dugald McInnis, |
| William Gordon, | Donald McDonald, |
| Donald McKenzie, | Philip T. Worthington, |
| E. J. Parke, | William Muir, |
| P. J. Dunn, | Timothy H. Buckley, |
| William Moore, | George Taylor, |
| Alfred G. Smyth, | William C. L. Gill, |
| Frederick Limprecht, | George Parkins, |
| Mark Burgess, | James McFadden, |
| Thomas F. McMullen, | William T. O'Reilly. |

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER—TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1847.

Stated Meetings—Third Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

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| R. E. Comp. | Samuel B. Harman, | Z. |
| " " " | William M. Jamieson, | H. |
| " " " | N. Bethune, | J. |
| " | Wm.F. McMaster, Scribe, | E. |

MEMBERS.

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| Thomas Gibbs Ridout, | William A. Campbell, |
| Francis Richardson. | Duncan McDonell, |
| Nathan Gatchell, | John Tully, |

MEMBERS—[CONTINUED.]

Stedman B. Campbell,
 Æmelius Irving,
 John Sommerville,
 Frederick William Barron.
 Rice Lewis,
 George B. Spencer,
 Donald McDonald,
 Richard Samuel Denoird,
 Lewis Langstaff,
 William Purdy,
 Andrew Drummond,
 William M. Jamieson,
 Walter Gorham,
 Robert Maitland,
 Charles J. Harmoth,
 William George Storm,
 James Young,
 Francis Shanly,
 Wm. McGivern Steers,
 Bartholomew Gibbings,
 Marcus Rossin,
 Jacob W. Ezekiel,
 William Bone Clarke,
 Joseph Szephazy,
 John Clarke,
 Thomas McConkey,
 Joseph Rogerson,
 Alfred Brunell,
 John McGee,
 James Edwin Ellis,
 Edward M. Carruthers,
 Herman Poetter,
 — Flesher,
 Thomas C. Prosser,
 William Sladden,
 William Robert Harris,
 Charles Thompson,
 Edward R. O'Brien,
 William Henry Pardy,
 William Henry Stanton,

James Henderson,
 Thomas Ridout,
 John Tuthill Parker,
 George Stephen Jones,
 Thomas Turner Roe,
 James J. Vance,
 George Allan Barnard,
 David Alderdice,
 George H. Wyatt,
 George Frederick Hayter,
 Frederick Wm. Cumberland,
 James Charles Small,
 John Blackburn,
 Arthur Hill,
 Henry Rowsell,
 Richard A. Hoskins,
 Joseph Thomas Kerby,
 Lawrence H. Shortt,
 John Bradford Cherriman,
 William C. Chewitt,
 John George Howard,
 Alfred Hiram Coulson,
 Christopher Burrill,
 Thomas John Burrill,
 John Huston Richey,
 Alexander J. Cambie,
 John Boyd,
 Robert Alexander Harrison,
 Azro Russell,
 Thomas Hodgins,
 David J. Curtis,
 Reginald Henwood,
 Henry Chas. J. Q. St. George,
 Richard Snelling,
 James Jackson,
 Wm. McMaster,
 John Paterson,
 Abraham Nordheimer,
 Donough O'Brien.

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER—LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1854.

Stated Meeting—Fourth Friday in Feb., May, August and Sept.

OFFICERS.

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| M.E. Comp. | Thompson Wilson, | Z. |
| V. “ | “ John K. Brown, | H. |
| “ “ | Edwin Heathfield, | J. |
| “ | Thomas Mackie, Scribe, | E. |

MEMBERS.

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| James M. Bennett, | John C. Cottrell, |
| Alfred G. Smyth, | Charles L. Davies, |
| Ephraim J. Park, | Thomas Haskett, |
| Thomas McMullen, | Edwin F. Bostwick, |
| Patrick J. Dunn, | George B. Scott, |
| Anslem C. Hammond, | Wilson Mills, |
| Francis W. Thomas, | John Harrison, |
| John B. Smyth, | William F. Hardy, |
| Richard R. Grindley, | James H. Flock. |

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER—HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—1855.

Stated Meeting—Second Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

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| R.E. Comp. | Thomas Bird Harris, | Z. |
| “ “ | William C. Stephens, | H. |
| V. “ | M. F. Shaler, | J. |
| “ | Thos. McCracken, Scribe, | E. |

MEMBERS.

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| John R. Holden, | Jno. W. Murton, |
| Thomas Duggan, | Walter D. Galbreath, |
| Henry Langdon, | Jacob Chase, |
| Charles Magill, | Thomas C. Sterling, |
| William Irwin, | Benjamin Jones, |
| W. A. Harley, | Michael Ruttle, |
| Jno. F. McCuaig, | W. A. Fergusson, |
| Jos. B. Mathews, | Norris T. Birely, |
| David Chalmers, | George T. Malcolmson, |
| Curtis S. Chittenden, | Emmett A. McElroy, |
| Hubbard Davis, | A. T. H. Ball. |

MOIRA CHAPTER—BELLEVILLE.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1856.

Stated Meeting—First Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

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| E. Comp. | Alfred A. Campbell, | Z. |
| " " | Frederick W. Alport, | H. |
| " " | Wm. H. Ponton, | J. |
| " " | Archd. Dunlop, Scribe, | E. |

MEMBERS.

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| Samuel D. Fowler, | Thos. Douglas Harington, |
| Thomas Jenkin Angel, | James H. Rowan, |
| Jas. Alexander Henderson, | Phil. Lorenger, Scovill, |
| Jno. Charles Franck, | Byron Cleveland Scoville, |
| Samuel Staples, Fenden, | Barnard Conlan, |
| Everitt Hastings Coleman, | George Graham, |
| James Whiteford, | Edward George Bull, |
| Andrew Ball Elmer, | Edward Murney, |
| James Geen, | Charles Frederick Pelletier, |
| Luther S. Jenison, | James Plummer Morden, |
| William Patrick Wilson, | Jno. Alexander McInnes, |
| Lewis Grant, | — Moore, |
| Amos S. Bristol, | William Smart. |

KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER—TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1857.

Stated Meeting—Third Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

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| V.E. Comp. | S. B. Campbell, | Z. |
| " " " | J. E. Smith, | H. |
| " " " | A. M. Munro, | J. |
| " " | J. H. Pattison, Scribe, | E. |

MEMBERS.

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| Kivas Tully, | William W. Winfield, |
| Joseph Hodgson, | John Leys, |
| George L. Allen, | Joseph Smelser, |

MEMBERS—[CONTINUED.]

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| Joseph A. Fisher, | Alexander McPhie, |
| William C. Morrison, | James Adams, |
| Thomas Saulter, | Charles S. Plumb, |
| William H. Miller, | Daniel Deforest, |
| Thomas Lamb, | Isaac Boulton Taylor, |
| Henry B. Bostwick, | Daniel Morrison, |
| William J. L'Estage, | Daniel Spry, |
| John Hill, | James Cooper, |
| Richard Arnold, | James McMullen, |
| Samuel Behrand, | George W. Armstrong, |
| Charles Pollock, | Thomas Booth, |
| William Johnston, | Oliver Gable, |
| John H. Seels, | John Harvie, |
| Hugh McDonald, | Lawrence L. Levey, |
| Walter Telfer Kidd, | John Walker, |
| William Arthurs, | William Henry Edmonds. |

GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER—STANSTEAD.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1858.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday on or before full moon, in March, June, September and December.

OFFICERS.

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| R.E. Comp. | Elisha Gustin, | Z. |
| " " | Ezra B. Rider, | H. |
| " " | Joseph Wooley, | J. |
| " " | H. J. Martin, | Scribe, E. |

MEMBERS.

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| William Verbeck, | Eliphalit B. Gustin, |
| Andrew Bodwell, | William B. Colby, |
| Franklin Mack, | William Farwell, Jr. |
| Eliphalit Bodwell, | Cyrus E. Stearns, |
| Chauncy Bullock, | Charles H. Kathan, |
| Michael Mitchell, | Jedidiah H. Baxter, |
| Rev. Joseph Scott, | William S. Foster. |
| L. F. Warner, | |

KILWINNING CHAPTER—LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1858.

Stated Meeting—First Monday in February, May, Aug. and Nov.

OFFICERS.

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| E. Comp. | William Muir, | Z. |
| R. “ | “ William Daniell, | H. |
| “ | “ Philip T. Worthington, | J. |
| “ | “ W.G. Chambers, Scribe, | E. |

MEMBERS.

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| James Daniell, | Thompson Wilson, |
| William C. L. Gill, | Charles L. Davies, |
| Dougald McInnes, | John Dutton, |
| John Harrison, | St. George Caulfield, |
| Donald McDonald, | George Masson, |
| Andrew McCormick, | Daniel Gilbert Miller. |
| Thomas Frederick McMullen, | |

WILSON CHAPTER—WINDSOR.

(UNDER DISPENSATION.)

Stated Meeting—First Monday of every month.

OFFICERS ELECT.

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| E. Comp. | John C. Thompson, | Z. |
| “ | “ William Cowan, | H. |
| “ | C. S. Mott, | J. |

MEMBERS.

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| J. H. Armstrong, | J. B. Staring, |
| W. Davis, | Frederick Egan, |
| A. G. A. Constable, | E. Davis, |
| N. P. Jacobs, | Thompson Wilson, |
| Thomas Hurst, | William Daniell. |

LIST OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada,

1859 & '60.

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| M. E. Comp. | T. Douglas Harington, | Grand Z. |
| R. E. | Samuel D. Fowler, | H. |
| " " | James Moffatt, | J. |
| " " | James Daniell, | Grand Supt. London District. |
| " " | John R. Holden, | Hamilton " |
| " " | F. Richardson, | Toronto " |
| " " | John C. Franck, | Central " |
| " " | Elisha Gustin, | Eastern Townships " |
| " " | Thomas Bird Harris, | Grand Scribe, E. |
| " " | Samuel B. Harman, | " " N. |
| " " | Alfred A. Campbell, | Principal Sojourner. |
| " " | William Bellhouse, | Treasurer. |
| V.E. | Wm. G. Storm, | 1st Assistant Sojourner. |
| " " | Alexander M. Munro, | 2nd " " |
| " " | Henry Rowsell, | Sword Bearer. |
| " " | John F. McCuaig, | Director of Ceremonies. |
| " " | M. Francis Shaler, | Standard Bearer. |
| " " | Edwin Heathfield, | Organist. |
| " " | Jeremiah Taylor, | Pursuivant. |
| " " | Thomas McMullin, | Janitor. |
| " " | John K. Brown, | } Stewards. |
| " " | George F. LaSerre, | |
| " " | John Keary, | |
| " " | Frederick W. Alport, | |
| " " | C. Pollock, | |

GRAND CHAPTERS

AND THE

ADDRESS OF GRAND SECRETARIES.

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| Alabama, | Daniel Sayre, | Montgomery. |
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PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND CHAPTER
OF
Royal Arch Masons,
OF CANADA,

At an Especial Convocation, held at Kingston, on the 12th July,
A. I., 2389, A. D., 1859,

AS ALSO OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION, HELD AT THE
CITY OF HAMILTON, C. W.

On Wednesday, the 8th day of February, A.I. 2860, A.D., 1860.



Ordered to be Read in all Chapters and Preserved.

ADDRESS:

THOMAS DOUGLAS HARINGTON, QUEBEC, GRAND Z.
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PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of
Kingston, on Thursday, the 12th Day of July, A.D., 1859.

PRESENT.

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| M. E. Comp. | T. Douglas Harington, | Grand | Z. |
| " | " | Thompson Wilson, as | " H. |
| " | " | W. Mercer Wilson, as | " J. |
| | | on the Throne. | |
| R. E. | " | Thomas Bird Harris, | Grand Scribe E. |
| " | " | Samuel B. Harman, | " " N. |
| " | " | Alfred Campbell, | " Principal Sojourner. |
| V. E. | " | E. J. Barker, as | " 1st Assist. " |
| " | " | Joseph Jackes, as | " 2nd " " |
| " | " | S. B. Campbell, as | " Dir. of Ceremonies. |
| " | " | Jeremiah Taylor, | " Pursuivant. |
| " | " | T. McMullin, | " Janitor. |

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

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| R. E. | " | Francis Richardson, | Toronto District. |
| " | " | John Charles Franck, | Central " |

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the
Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample* form.

The Grand Scribes having examined the Register reported
the following representatives of regularly chartered Chapters
present whom they recommend to be admitted, and to take part
in the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

No. 1. ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

- R. E. Comp. S. D. Fowler, G. H., P. Z.
 " " " James A. Henderson, G. Reg., P. Z.
 " " " Geo. F. La Serre, G. Steward, P. Z.
 " " John Kerr, Z.
 " " Wm. Fergusson.
 " Thomas Gunham.

No. 2. THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

- M. E. Companion Wm. M. Wilson, P. G. Z.

No. 3. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

- V. E. Companion John Keary, G. Steward, J.

No. 4. ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

- R. E. Companion Francis Richardson, G. Supt., P. Z.
 " " " S. B. Harman, G. S. N., Z.
 M. E. " T. Douglas Harington, G. Z.

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

- M. E. Companion T. Wilson, P. G. Z., Z.

No. 6. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

- R. E. Companion Thos. Bird Harris, G. S. E., Z.

No. 7. MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.

- R. E. Companion J. C. Franck, G. Supt., P. Z.
 " " Companion Alfred Campbell, G. P. S., Z.

No. 8. KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

- V. E. Companion S. B. Campbell, P. G. D. of C., Z.

UD. WILSON CHAPTER, WINDSOR.

- E. Companion C. Mott, J.

AFF. CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

- E. Companion Thomas J. Angel, Z.
 " " E. J. Barker, J.

AFF. INDEPENDENT CHAPTER, QUEBEC.

- E. Companion Denis Gale, Z.

On motion the report from the Grand Scribes was received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z. informed the Grand Chapter that he had convened this meeting for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee appointed at the last annual convocation on "Work."

R. E. Comp. S. B. Harman on behalf of that Committee proceeded with the exemplification of the Royal Arch Degree.

It was moved by V. E. Companion S. B. Campbell, seconded by V. E. Companion John Keary and unanimously adopted,—

That the ritual for the working of the Royal Arch Degree as now exemplified be the authorized work as recognized by this Grand Chapter.

It was moved by R. E. Companion J. C. Franck, seconded by R. E. Companion Thos. B. Harris, and unanimously adopted,—

That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are justly due and are hereby tendered to the Committee on *work* for the very satisfactory manner in which they have completed their labors.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted and read the following letter which he had received from the Grand Scribe E, of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England, in answer to the *address* which had been forwarded, desiring recognition.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W. C.,

June 16th, 1859.

Excellent Companion :

The Address of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada to the Supreme Grand Chapter of England was, agreeably to the request contained in your letter of the 22nd March last, laid before the Convocation which was held in May, when it was decided that the matter should be referred to the Three Grand Principals, by whom the same has accordingly been taken into consideration.

I am directed by them to state in answer to the Address, that with every desire to preserve friendly and fraternal intercourse with the Canadian Masons of every degree, they feel that they cannot, consistently with their duty, entertain official relations with a Body which holds, as essential to admission within its pale,

the possession of Degrees which are not recognized by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chapter of England.

I have the honor to be,
Excellent Companion,
Fraternally yours,

WM. GRAY CLARKE,
G. S. E.

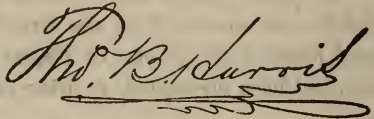
THOS. B. HARRIS, Esq.,
Grand Scribe E.,
Grand Chapter of Canada,
Hamilton, C. W.

On motion of M. E. Companion Thompson Wilson, seconded by R. E. Companion S. B. Harman, it was Resolved,—

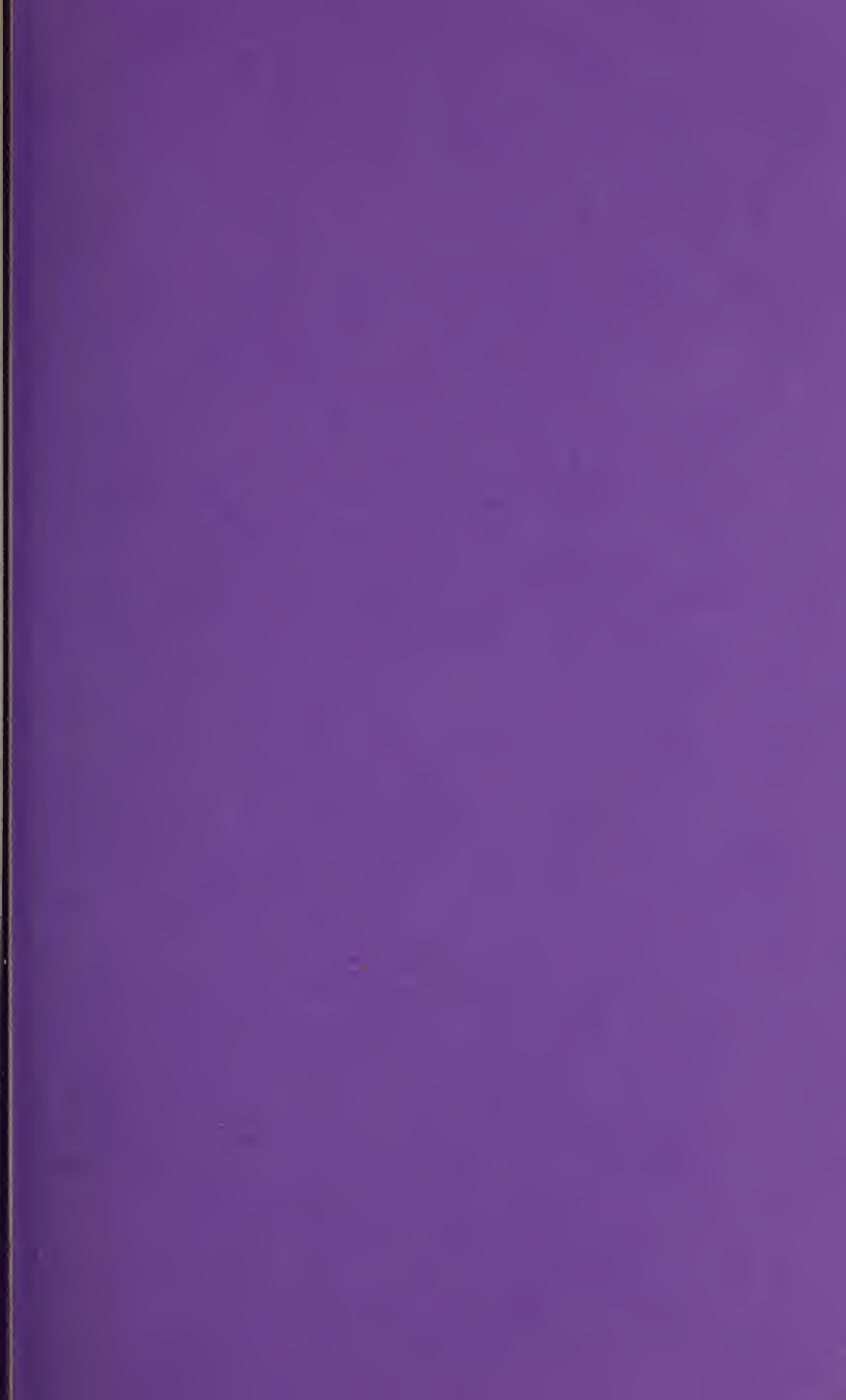
That the Grand Principals be empowered to correspond with the Grand Principals of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, on the subject of the objections alluded to in the above letter.

The labors of the Grand Chapter being finished, it was closed in *Ample* form with solemn prayer.

[ATTEST.]



G. S. E.





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